

# US 93 FISH AND WILDLIFE CROSSINGS

## 42. Polson Hill Wildlife Crossing

### Ronan - Polson Segment

This area receives considerable use by deer and other wildlife and has great need and potential for a wildlife crossing.

### Design Recommendations

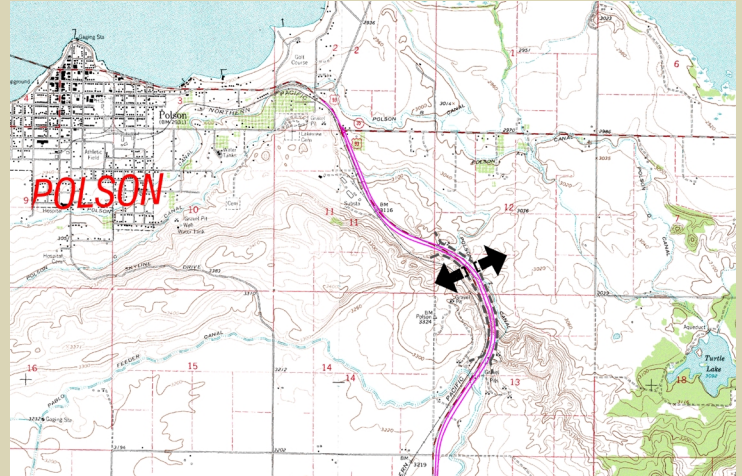
Recommended crossing type: *Corrugated metal pipe or concrete box culvert*

Approximate dimensions: 12' x 22'

### Notes:

Add 8' page wire fencing along both sides of road from the vicinity of South Hills Drive to a point approximately 300 meters north of the existing Glory Road intersection. End in a wing pattern (45 degrees to road and approx. 150' in length).

Crossing location to be determined in conjunction with identification of potential conservation easements.



### Criteria for locations of crossings:

1. **Winter tracking** - NA.
2. **Summer Game Trails** - NA.
3. **Road Kill Data** - Tribal data from 1/95-10/98 combined with MDT data from 12/97-1/00 indicated a **high number of road kills in this area (26)**.
4. **Habitat** - Grasslands habitat.
5. **Engineering Practicality** - Existing conditions will accommodate a crossing structure. This is one of the best potential locations for a wildlife crossing structure in the vicinity.



## US 93 DESIGN DISCUSSIONS

Project Committee:

Evarto to Polson, Montana

Montana Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation

Prime Consultant: Skillings-Connolly, Inc. - Consulting Engineers

